

LT (Ret) Brad Snyder recognized as 2021 Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient

The Class of 2006 witnessed history last month as the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association recognized Brad Snyder as a 2021 Distinguished Graduate Award recipient! Classmates traveled from afar to celebrate Brad (by far the youngest DGA recipient to date), who has been making our class proud since he was a decorated swimmer in Lejeune Hall [06DGA#1-insert photo here].

Caption: Members from the Class of 2006 honoring Brad at the 2021 DGA ceremony.

After losing his eyesight to an IED in Afghanistan in September 2011, he won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal in swimming just one year later at the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London, including a gold on the one-year anniversary of his injury. Since then, he's gone on to win three gold and one silver medal in Rio (swimming), a gold in Tokyo (paratriathlon), and authored his 2016 memoir *Fire in My Eyes: An American Warrior's Journey from Being Blinded on the Battlefield to Gold Medal Victory*.